- 1. Our medication prices are the same or slightly lower than internet pharmacy prices
- 2. If price is lower than ours it is because it is damaged/out of date/or foreign.
- 3. Internet pharmacies substitute drugs that are not even the same chemical drug (Ex. Iverhart for Interceptor).
- 4. Diverted drugs. Internet and big box stores (Ex. Costco/Wal-Mart) will not tell veterinarians or clients how they obtain drug. They know full well drug companies are not selling to them directly. ALL DIVERTED MEDICATION. I encourage everyone on the committee to call Pet Meds/Costco/Pet Care Rx. /and or Foster Smith and ask specifically how and where they are obtaining their drugs.
- 5. The drug companies do not stand behind diverted products for quality assurance reasons. When a drug is diverted there is no tracing it or controlling how it is being stored.
- 6. Why should we be held responsible or accountable for adverse reactions and/or lack of the drug working due to it being a diverted drug?
- 7. Lack of owner compliance. Owners tend to not get prescriptions filled or tend to not use drug according to label and also do not get proper follow up care or proper monitoring on long-term medications.
- 8. *We are a rural practice that has been practicing high quality and reasonably priced health care services to all species of animals in our area. We have stressed prevention and education so animal owners can keep their animals as healthy as possible at the least cost.
- 9. *The "Fairness of Pet Owners Act" is not about getting cheaper drugs for animals. It is about pet owners not obtaining health care from veterinarians for their animals at all and the animal suffers because of it. By the time we finally see the animal IT IS TOO LATE!!